

## CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER

The Certificate of Character is governed by the Certificate of Character Act 2012 (No 18/2012). It is an official document issued by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, which states whether a person has previous convictions recorded against him/her.

Who may apply:

- Any Citizen of Mauritius;
- Non Citizen who holds a resident / work permit in Mauritius.

Application can be made either to this Embassy or directly to the concerned Section in Mauritius. For applications addressed to this Embassy, the following documents have to be submitted:

- (1) A letter addressed to the Director of Public Prosecution stating the purpose of requesting a Certificate of Character;
- (2) Application form duly filled-in (available at Annex);
- (3) Original + 2 certified photocopies of your Birth Certificate, National Identity Card and, where applicable, Marriage/Divorce Certificate/New Marriage Certificate/Death Certificate of Spouse;
- (4) Certified copies of your passport (pages 1-5);
- (5) Evidence of your employment in Mauritius, if applicable;
- (6) Copy of Valid Visa / Residency Status in US / Canada / surrounding Countries;
- (7) Application Fee of US\$ 13.00 should also be sent alongside the application. Payment can be ONLY made by a money order or an official cheque drawn in favor of the Embassy of Mauritius, Washington, DC and should be forwarded to:

**Embassy of Mauritius  
1709 N St., NW  
Washington, DC 20036**

- (8) A Self-addressed Registered Envelope.

Original documents submitted alongside your application will be verified and kept in the custody of the Embassy of Mauritius and will be returned to you upon receipt of the Certificate of Character.

Alternatively, an applicant can delegate any one of his relatives in Mauritius to make the application on his/her behalf (by a simple letter of authorization, addressed to the Commissioner of Police). For more information, following the link:

<http://police.govmu.org/English/Pages/App-character-certificate.aspx>